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In re Patent Application of:

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AT LEAST FIRST AND SECOND
THIN FILM TRANSISTORS

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed September 9, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Three Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to March 9, 2005. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 29, 1999, October 25, 2000, October 31, 2000, June 4, 2001, November 30, 2001, March 7, 2002, May 7, 2002, November 8, 2002, February 24, 2003, and July 13, 2004. A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.


Claims 6-11 and 13-25 are pending in the present application, of which claims 6, 9-11, 13, 16 and 20 are independent. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 6-11 (page 4, Paper No. 20040830). For the reasons set forth in

detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Official Action reject claims 13-25 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,331,723 to Yamazaki et al. In order to overcome these rejections, a verified English translation of priority application Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 03-296331 filed October 16, 1991, is filed concurrently herewith. Since Yamazaki '723 has an earliest possible U.S. filing date of March 5, 1992, which is later than the filing date of Yamazaki '723, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under § 102(e) should be overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are in order and respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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